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Jennings is new insurance deputy



FRANKFORT, Ky. - Glenn Jennings is the new deputy commissioner for health insurance for the Kentucky Department of Insurance. His appointment fills a vacancy created when Janie A. Miller was named commissioner by Gov. Paul Patton in January 2001.

Jennings, formerly a deputy commissioner in the Department for Medicaid Services, has more than 20 years' experience in the health care field specializing in financial management and information processing.

Commissioner Miller said, "Glenn brings a wealth of background and experience in overseeing various aspects of the operations of health programs. He will be invaluable to the department as we move toward and deal with regulatory e-commerce issues."

Jennings began his Kentucky government service in 1974 in data processing. His most recent position was deputy commissioner in Medicaid Services where he was responsible for the divisions of Financial Management and Systems and Member Services. He played a key role in Medicaid's ongoing efforts to become compliant with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

During a tenure outside Kentucky state government from 1986 to 1999, he was a consultant to TennCare, the state-run managed care program in Tennessee. Jennings later served as director of operations and acting bureau chief of TennCare. He also worked for First Health Services Corp. based in Nashville and Richmond, Va.

Jennings is a native of Hancock County. He earned a bachelor of science degree in sociology and psychology from Western Kentucky University. He is married and has two children. Jennings lives in Lawrenceburg.